

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE: ARIZONA

DISCLOSURE TIPS



WHAT DO YOU SAY?

- An adult's reaction to disclosure plays an important role in the beginning of the healing process for the child.
- "I'm really glad that you told me."
- "It took a lot of courage to tell me."
- "It's not your fault."
- "We will work together to get you help."
- "I will need to tell some other people who help to protect children."

WHAT ARE THE CHILD'S NEEDS?

- Be careful not to make promises that you cannot keep. Do not promise you will not tell anyone.
- Report immediately.
- Only speak to those who have to know – confidentially.
- Gentle honesty – keep information age-appropriate and general.

INFORMATION NEEDED



HAVE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE:

- Name, age, and gender of child and other family members
- Address, phone numbers and/or directions to child's home
- Parents' place of employment
- Description of suspected abuse or neglect
- Current condition of the child



MAKE A REPORT

Under Arizona law, teachers are mandatory reporters of suspected child abuse or neglect.

For all emergency child abuse and neglect reports, call: 1-888-SOS-CHILD (1-888-767-2445) If your concern involves an emergency situation, call 911 immediately.

For non-emergency reports, the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) also provides a secure website for mandated reporters to report concerns. To access this system, follow the steps below.

- Create an account with DCS, here: <https://extranet.azdes.gov/DCYF/CHILDS/communication/des/Register.aspx?ReturnUrl=>
- Log in to your account: <https://extranet.azdes.gov/DCYF/CHILDS/communication/des/LogIn.aspx>
- Once logged in, your Reporting Party section will auto-populated with your information, and you will be able to make and submit your report

Note: while your reporting information will be logged with the State, outside parties will NOT be notified of who made the report